GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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ASSISTANCE TO SCIENCE LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides financial assistance to States for the upgradation of science laboratories in schools ; and

(b) if so, the total amount of assistance provided by the government for various Government and Government aided secondary/higher secondary schools,during each of the last three years and the current year,State- wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SH. M.A.A.FATMI)

(a)& (b): To improve the Quality of Science Education and to promote scientific temper a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for 'Improvement of Science Education in Schools'was started from the year 1987-88.Under this scheme assistance was provided to the States/Union Territories for supply of science kits to upper primary schools,setting up or up-gradation of science laboratories and library facilities in Secondary and Sr. Secondary Schools.

The erstwhile scheme of "Improvement of Science Education in Schools" which was one of the components of a composite scheme called "Quality Improvement in Schools",was under revision during the year 2005-06 and hence no financial assistance was provided .Subsequently the scheme has been transferred to the States as a State Sector scheme w.e.f. 1.4.2006.Therefore,no financial assistance was provided in 2006-07,2007-08 and 2008-09.